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SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO: SALE OF TELEDYNE ENGINES TO SOUTH
AFRICA (MC-06312)

REF.: A) PRETORIA 1758, B) STATE 115302 AND C) MC
LICENSE 95858

1. ON OCTOBER 15, TELEDYNE SUBMITTED FOR DEPARTMENT
APPROVAL EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR \$3.6 MILLION WORTH
OF SPARE PARTS TO SUPPORT TCMD-750 ENGINE PROGRAM IN SOUTH
AFRICA. SO FAR THREE ENGINES HAVE BEEN SHIPPED UNDER
LICENSE 95858 TO BE USED BY GENERAL COMPONENTS LTD TO
PRODUCE PROTOTYPE OFF-ROAD ORE MOVERS.

2. ON OCTOBER 23 DEPARTMENT DISAPPROVED TELEDYNE REQUEST
ON GROUNDS: A) THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THREE ENGINES IN
SOUTH AFRICA HAVE YET BEEN INSTALLED IN INTENDED ORE MOVER,
OR THAT THE VEHICLE IS OPERATIONAL, CONDITIONS WHICH MUST
BE MET BEFORE ADDITIONAL ENGINES CAN BE SHIPPED, AND B)
THERE IS NO APPARENT REASONABLE NEED FOR \$3.6 MILLION IN
SPARE PARTS TO SUPPORT THREE ENGINES WHICH HAVE TOTAL VALUE
OF ONLY \$105,000.

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3. ON NOVEMBER 3, TELEDYNE RE-SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR SPARES VALUED AT \$1.7 MILLION SAYING: "WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT PROTOTYPE HEAVY-HAUL VEHICLES WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WITHIN FOUR MONTHS."

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VERIFICATION STATUS OF ENGINE INSTALLATION PROGRAM, AND FURTHER, ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED ON QUESTION OF NEED FOR \$1.7 MILLION IN SPARE PARTS AT THIS TIME, OR EVEN DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, WHEN, IF ALL GOES WELL WITH PROGRAM MERELY 53 ENGINES (VALUED AT \$1.8 MILLION) OF TOTAL OF 300 WILL BE SHIPPED TO SOUTH AFRICA. KISSINGER

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